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A LONG STEP TOWARD BETTER GOVERNMENT.

A substantial and gratifying victors was secured last hight in the action of the Board of Aldermen in passing by a decisive vote the ordinance redistricting the city into four wards. That was the most important issue before the Board of Aldermen, and it was passed easily and quickly. By that action, the City Council is reduced by half, and the individual responsibility of both Common Councilmen and Aldermen is vastly increased and efficlency is made more necessary,

With the Hirschberg amendment at tached, the administrative board proposition failed to pass the Board, althe striking vote of 19 to on the ordinance as amended by striking out the Hirschberg amendment. shows plainly that the Board is in favor of an administrative board as part of the olty government of Richmond. The details of such a board as will be satisfactory to both branches of the City Council can now be worked out by the two bodies acting together for the best interest of the city. The Times-Dispatch had feared all along that the Hirschberg amendment would have the effect of causing the defeat of the whole plan in the Board of Aldermen, but that body wisely and sagaclously avoided the difficulty by passing quickly the first propositionthe four ward plan-which a majority clearly favored. The details of the administrative board are now open to discussion and settlement in both

As to the formation of the admin-Istrative board, the Times-Dispatch Health and Police Boards better administered than in Richmond, Thereadministrative board ca- first deother departments, and the Fire ped that Richmond will come to uch a result with great rapidity.

nent so near and so bright that The l'imes-Dispatch hopes and urges that government effective at the earliest possible date. A meeting of the Common Council will be called shortly, and action of that body, it is hoped, will be such as to bring a swift and wishes of the people of Richmond.

In the action of the Board in voting down the amendment which would subrait the whole plan to a referendum, the opinion of The Times-Disputch that the people of Richmond at present desire legislation by their representatives and not by themselves was shown to be correct.

THE HADLEY REPORT.

Stock and Bond Commission.

port is its frank acceptance of the theory that publicity is the very best affection of the West. These condiprotection that can be given. "Turn tions make it impossible to judge the on the light," says the report, "and next Republican Convention by the NOT MAKING MILWAUKEE FAMOUS. on the light," says the report, "and next Republican Convention by the largest municipal let the people see where the money is analogies of history. The Republican stronghold yet taken by the Socialists being used and one problem in rail-but Taft is not Harrison, and Roese-road finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the road finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the as to the comparative value of soperiod finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the as to the comparative value of soperiod finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the as to the comparative value of soperiod finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the as to the comparative value of soperiod finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the as to the comparative value of soperiod finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the as to the comparative value of soperiod finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the as to the comparative value of soperiod finance will go near to being velt is not Blaine. Meanwhile the as to the comparative value of soperiod finance will go near to being velt is not blaine. publicity in all other departments of Underwood would be as strong as any However, the progress made so far is government have been far more salu- if he would accept. Harmon has lost tary than prohibitive legislation, and no ground. Clark is in the limelight, somer or later the recommendations and the bitterness of the attack on of the Hadley Railroad Securities Wilson over that petty Carnegic pen- city administration is costly without this particular. It will be a long time, is feared. The best thing for President however, before the demagogie pole Taft to do is to let Southern Demoreach such a pitch of economic intelligence as to permit the railroads to and will give the Southern Democrats now on foot in the city to overthrow declare large cash dividends without a chance to show how much they adbeing attacked for extortion. The mire and like a Republican President, tion of the former that the increase wisely says that stock, scrip and bond dividends should be prohibited, butdividends should be prohibited, but that the reilroads should be permitted Pederation of the Jewish Farmers' to pay to their stockholders as high a

makes the perfectly plain point that race, and what it is doing for the there is no relation between the agricultural development of the counamount of money for which a property try; and, as a leader among the Ameris capitalized and what it is worth ican Jewish people expressed it, what capitalization and the rates charged for services. A railroad, for example, default of that recourse would be conmay be as well located as a piece of corner property in the heart of Rich

Chr Cimes (1) Dispatch sixty years ago, but the capitalization more Jewish farmers than any other would not represent the rental value State in the Union. These have set-of the property, nor, in the case of thed in the Naugatuck and Connecticut the ratiroad, does the capitalization valleys in the western part of New represent the rates that are charge. London county, and elsewhere, one of able for services.

commission declares that physical settlers been notably successful, it is valuation is not necessarily a control- reported, but, more to the point still. and farsighted choice of routes comes decessors because the land did not in, and it is the opinion of the com- yield satisfactory returns for the mission that the railroads that build labor and money expended. So sucwisely for the future are entitled to cessful have been the efforts of the their just returns for that foresight. Connecticut Jewish farmers, indeed,

and development of railroads in this at Bridgeport, a centre where their country, the commission makes a com- products will be gathered as in a sort parison of the capitalized value per mile of the railroads of this and for. York or for local distribution, elgn countries.

The total capitalization per mile for railroads in America, as found by the against \$100,000 per mile for Germany, 666 per mile for Great Britain.

In order to raise money for the future development of railroads the commission strongly advises the selling of stock at less than par in preference to the issuance of bonds, for the reason that when the railroad does leaves no excuse for not encouraging the stock there is no foreclosure, no loss of ownership; but, when the bonds default on their interest, great financial depression is inevitable. "To compel weak roads to issue big interest bearing obligations because of their inability to sell stock at par, may result in intensifying the acuteness of the next panic and in prolonging subsequent business depression."

commission have long been familiar to

calls attention to the fact that in ne veit's plaintive denials that he is all the sections of upper New York. of government is used are the Fire. ore, there is really nothing to be and all the wisdom of Wall Street? cained at present by the inclusion of When his celebrated declaration of owners to sign an agreement that they these departments under the jurisdic-tion of the administrative board, save Philadelphia North American, this barren compliance with theory. paper noted that the doughty Colonei and Police Departments can be later clare that to charge him with such a purpose was both unfriendly and undepartments are combined under the administrative boards, and it is to be administrative boards, and it is to be The victory is so gratifying and the "nole episcopari," "I do not wish to what has been done by nublic action

es-Dispatch hopes and orges that common Council will meet the would have continued undisturbed but treated with severe comment when Board of Aldermen in a spirit which for the rude handed interference of they did by law what New York does will make the plan for a better form President Taft, who called together in private. favorable rewalt in accord with the the open. That is why the press re-

After all, one of President Taft's nim is arrayed the greatest political commission has fully justified his genius of this generation A man hopes in the report made by the Had- who is filled with ambition and ego- bitterness between members of dif-The most important part of this re- who has managed to secure the back- Jeff Hudson in Virginia to-day; there was spent and for what purposes it is pects, is most like the one to be in 1812, in this country. Its Socialist admin-Commission will come to be adopted in sion shows how greatly his candidacy

cash dividend as the earnings will tinues to bring out important and in-In this connection the commission to the ferm" movement among the

the principal colonies being at and Going further along this line, the near Colchester. Not only have all the Looking towards the future growth that they are planning a market place of clearing house, for shipment to New In the light of this exhibit, we are

query we propounded the other day in commission. Is less than \$60,000, as discussing the "Jews in Agriculture." If Jewish farmers can make the abandoned and sterile lands of Connecticut "blossom as the rose," what could they not do for waste, yet fertile lands of Virginia, if encouraged to settle thereon and cultivate them? The question carries in itself only one answer, and that logically in every possible way a Jewish back to the farm movement that will ex-

THE NEGRO IN NEW YORK.

tend no less to this than to other

The purchase of a single house by a colored man at a cost of \$5,000 in One Hundred and Thirty-first Street, All of these recommendations of the York City, resulted in a loss in the in the Harlem neighborhood of New

e victory is so gratifying and the note episcopari.

be a bishop," only at the end to be in Richmond, and yet no critics rise up to attack the New York movement.

Nor is there any relation between also "agriculture is doing for the use- business details prevented the project corner property in the heart of Richmond, and it might be capitalized on
the basis of the cost of that property

Among such details are that, in protreasurer has been held personally
pertion to population, Connecticut has responsible for \$14,000 for payments

Lafe Bud has got one o' them new
catterpiller hats. If ever buddy was
gentle an' kind you couldn't git around
for th' bores,

held by the courts to be illegal. Mayor Seldel says the party will make up the sum.

cason for the marked efficiency of the city Health Department is due to the fact that it is in the hands of non Socialist experts. The charge has been made tha

there has been a waste in city funds, but Mayor Seldel says that the Democratic tax commissioner was guilty of favoring the rich in the assessments. However, the Mayor is a member of a board of review which had the power to change incorrect assessments. His enemies say that his failure to disclose and correct errors showed his inca pacity for his office.

Opposition to socialism is so general and usually so hostile and vindictive that it is very hard to get the true naturally led to repoat in effect the light of the situation. It is probable however, that the Socialist administration has tried to do too much at once and has attempted to work out its theories and policies simultaneously instead of successively. "Impractical" is perhaps the severest adjective which should yet be used to describe the Socialist regime in Milwaukee.

This is the time of the year when the weeklies begin to refer to the eashler of the local bank as "genial

Dorothy Arnold disappeared one year ago yesterday, and the mystery of her taking off will probably never be

Governor Harmon has done at least one Democratic thing since he has been at Washington—eaten at a lunch counter "a-settin" on a high stool.



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